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WEATHER

Clear today and tonight. Some fog patches early Monday morning. The temperature today will hit 80 dropping to a low of 50 during the night.

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College President Says:

Annexation Would Gain City Nothing

Income Tax Help To Be Available Here Next Month

Residents of Torrance and the surrounding area will have an opportunity to consult with an Internal Revenue agent on their Federal income tax problems on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 19 and 20, according to word received from Charles E. Kelley, agent in charge of the internal revenue office in San Pedro.

Kelley will open a temporary office at the Chamber of Commerce building on those two days.

"One of my agents will be assigned to the office, and he will give assistance in every possible manner to those desiring to consult him about their income tax problems," Kelley said. The agent also will have all forms necessary for the preparation of the returns and will accept filing of completed returns.

239 More Homes Due to Rise in No. Torrance

Ground was broken this week on a tract of 100 homes and another tract of 139 is about to start—both in North Torrance, according to James B. Dresser, of the city building department.

Started were 100 homes priced at approximately \$10,000 each to be erected on Ardath, Wilkie, Casimir and Kristin Aves. between 168th and 170th Sts. The new homes are being constructed by Henry Albachten of 342 Ardmore Ave., Hermosa Beach.

The other tract, to be erected by Milton Kaufman, 2918 Compton Blvd. on 174th and 175th Sts., consists of 139 homes ranging in size from 1098 to 1114 square feet plus garages. They are to sell for approximately \$9600.

The total investment of the two tracts represents approximately \$2,334,400.

Resident Here 30 Years Dies

Final rites were conducted at the First Lutheran Church yesterday for John Herbert Chandler, 67, who for the past 30 years had lived at 2211 Andrew Ave.

Mr. Chandler passed away at his home Jan. 27 following a lengthy illness.

He was a member of the Hannibal Lodge No. 198 AFAM, of Hannibal, Mo.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Mearning of 22503 Linda Dr.; and Mrs. Jane Dennis of Los Alamos, N. M.; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Whittridge of

Torrance would have nothing to gain by annexing El Camino College, Forrest Murdock, president of the institution, advised a special five-man fact-finding committee recently appointed to probe the proposal of annexing the school and Alondra Park.

Still to be heard from is the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding its attitude on the proposed annexation.

Boards Queried

Both the Board of Trustees of the college and the supervisors were queried by the fact-finders following the commission's first meeting held Jan. 14. The special committee appointed by Mayor Mervin Schwab is due to meet again on Wednesday night. Although he declined to reveal the contents of President Murdock's answer, Chairman Earle Lloyd said he had received an answer and would prefer to first present it to the commission.

Enclosed with Murdock's answer was a copy of a resolution passed early in 1952 and in which the Board of Trustees advocated strongly against the annexing of the college by Torrance.

Remain in County

Said Murdock: "The college is in the county, serving the country, and that is where it should remain. Torrance would gain nothing by annexing the school. We serve four different high school districts. We are an entity unto ourselves. The educational jurisdiction of the college would not pass to Torrance even if the city would annex the college."

He continued: "I doubt seriously that Gardena, or Torrance for that matter, can annex the college since special legislation pulled the district out of the Los Angeles School System and created the El Camino College District."

City Services

He expressed the opinion that should the city annex the area it would have to assume the responsibility and cost of policing the area, providing fire protection, maintenance of streets and similar municipal services."

The move to annex El Camino and Alondra Park is favored by Councilmen Nick Draie and Victor E. Benstead. Other members of the council have shown a reluctance to go along with the plan.

At the fact-finding commission meeting of Jan. 14, Mayor Schwab admonished the five-man commission to probe for facts and present them to the City Council. He stated that personal opinions and recommendations were not necessary.

Serving on the commission are two councilmen: Willys G. Blount, and Nick Draie; Darwin Parrish, chairman of the recreation commission; Otto Kresse, retired superintendent of Columbia Steel Corp., and Lloyd, planning consultant.

Lynn, Mass.; a brother, Vaughan, also of Lynn; and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Rev. Paul Wenske of the Lutheran Church. Interment was in Ingewood Park Cemetery. Pierce Brothers Mortuary of Ingewood handled the arrangements.

Mother of Local Resident Dies

Funeral rites were held at the First Christian Church in Torrance last Thursday morning for Rebecca Brooks, 2314 1/2 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach, aunt of William Bowman, a local resident.

Following the 11 a.m. rites, conducted by the Rev. C. J. England, the body was removed to the Ingewood Crematory.

A native of Ionia, Mich., the 83-year-old woman leaves besides her nephew, a daughter, Geraldine Brooks of the Hermosa Beach address, and a sister, Ida Pasco, of Los Angeles.

DIMES DRIVE FALLING FAR SHORT OF GOAL

With the Torrance March of Dimes Campaign well past the half-way mark, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, chairman, regretfully announced yesterday that less than half of the \$10,000 goal had been subscribed to the drive so far.

"We have collected approximately \$4000 as of yesterday," she reported. "We are hoping that the remaining \$6000 will be collected during the Mothers March on Polio and from the miniature iron lungs which we have placed throughout the community. That's a lot of hoping, however," she pointed out.

Among the groups reporting in so far with contributions of \$25 or more are these:

School children	\$1306
Returned mail cards	1184
Junior Woman's Club	173
Urevelers Club	100
Girl Scout Troop No. 610	77
Navy Supply Depot	77
Prudential Life Insurance	58
Torrance Lions Club	43
Mayfair Creamery	30
Delta Omega	25
Dr. Howard A. Wood	25

One boy, James Vaughan, sent in \$22 he alone collected for the campaign.



BOOSTS DIMES DRIVE . . . Eager to do their part are these North Torrance girls of the Tawasi and Koda groups of the Campfire Girls who helped solicit funds for its current March of Dimes Drive on Saturday morning. Judy Engols of the Tawasi group started things off by presenting Mrs. Clara Conner, chairman, a check for \$10.

LAST MINUTE RUSH!



BEATING THE DEADLINE . . . Motorists line up outside the Bank of America to apply for 1953 auto license tabs. After Wednesday, Feb. 4, the state adds a penalty to late comers. Local autolists may obtain '53 tabs upon payment of amount shown on white registration slip. The tabs are issued during normal banking hours.

15-Year Old Boy Faces 13 Counts Of Burglary

A youth of 15 years faces 13 counts of burglary today after he was nabbed by Torrance police shortly after stealing \$80 worth of movie equipment from a Lawndale home Friday.

The youth has admitted a number of burglaries here as well as in Gardena, Lawndale, and surrounding county territory.

He and another youth were caught shortly after Homer Weber of 16406 Haas Ave. reported the theft from his home of a \$50 camera, a \$30 light meter, and a \$5 sport shirt.

The boy was turned over to sheriff's deputies who will handle the case.

Teenagers Admit Burglarizing Home of \$124

Two boys, 13 and 14 years respectively, were petitioned to Juvenile Hall authorities after being returned to Torrance where they admitted burglarizing a house and skipping to Kingman, Ariz.

The pair, returned here by the father of one of the boys, said they ransacked a house at 4069 Bluff St., Watts, and took \$124 with which they financed a bus trip to Arizona.

Kingman police officers nabbed the boys after they noted the youths were "spending too much money for their ages."

Otolaryngologist Installed As Medical Assn. President

Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, prominent local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and a former Navy flight surgeon, took office as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., southwest branch, at last night's association meeting at the Palms Verdes Country Club.

Dr. Eastham, who succeeds Dr. Kurt Shery, began practice here in 1948 after three years of post-graduate work at Harbor General Hospital. In 1952 he took a three-month post-graduate course in otology at the Boston Eye and Ear Infirmary, and is now a diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology.

A resident of Palms Verdes and the father of four sons, Dr. Eastham also will serve on the executive committee for the Torrance Memorial Hospital staff.

Heading the staff as chief will be Dr. Frederic Ewens of Manhattan Beach, who succeeds Dr. Earl Madden of Redondo Beach.

Dr. Howard A. Wood of Torrance was installing officer for the rites, while Dr. Max Weber of Hollywood Riviera was master of ceremonies.

Others installed were Drs. John Wilson Jr., vice-president, and Richard C. Schaeffer, secretary-treasurer of the Medical Association; and Drs. John A. Chapman, assistant chief of staff;

'Would Bring in My Brother'-Cop

Jaycees Seek Army Tank for War Memorial

The procurement and erection of an Army tank in the City Park as a memorial to Torrance's war dead has been adopted as the project of the year by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In charge of the Jaycees project is Dutch Horlander, who routed his request for the surplus World War II tank through Congressman Cecil R. King. King in turn contacted the Army's Chief of Ordnance. Contacted for a reaction to the plan was City Manager George W. Stevens who gave the greenlight to the Jaycees' project.

Marvin Goetzsch, president of the organization and liaison officer on the memorial project, expects to hear from Washington within six weeks that a tank will be released to the local organization. It is hoped that the tank will be released from the West Coast.

Gardens-Plaza Group Committees Slate Meet

Committee chairmen appointed at the organizational meeting of the Torrance Gardens-Plaza Homeowners' Assn., will meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, at the home of the group's president, Ralph Schmidt, 1220 Maple Ave., he announced yesterday.

The chairmen will discuss progress of their various committees and will discuss an agenda for the next general meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, President Schmidt said.

Checked Many Steps

"We have checked more than 73 sets of curved steps than a score more of 'near misses,'" Cook claims. "We have checked every lead turned in by the 65 women who scoured the area in search of those five curved steps."

"The victim has scanned actually thousands of photographs of known and unknown sex offenders. We have brought in two likely suspects but had to release them after the girl stated neither was the man."

Sgt. Cook told of visiting the parole officers at the State Prison for Sex Offenders on Terminal Island.

"Five parole officers heard the story and looked at a drawing of the suspect. We examined hundreds of records and photographs of criminals on parole. No luck," said Cook.

His next move is to meet with officials at the Norwalk Hospital where many sex offenders are sent for treatment.

Moving to El Prado

Councilman and Mrs. Willys G. Blount and their three children will take up residence almost in the city's center within the next three weeks. Now of 17038 Wilkie Ave. in North Torrance, they will move to 1444 El Prado, where Mrs. Mable Steinliber is presently residing.

DR. GERALD M. EASTHAM
... Heads Medical Group

Ralph W. McNeil, secretary-treasurer; Schaeffer, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Wilson

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